

PUBLIC NOTICE

WORK SESSION

On Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:30 P. M. the Aiken City Council will hold a work session for an update by George Clare on the Aiken County Homeless Housing. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at 111 Chesterfield Street S in Room 309.

Executive Session Notice

On Monday, May 22, 2023, an executive session will be held after the 5:30 P.M. Work Session in Room 315 of the Municipal Building at 111 Chesterfield Street S.

City Council will go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) and (3) to discuss the development of security personnel or devices.

Specifically, City Council will discuss the following item: A discussion regarding the development of the City's Information Technology security system

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. and available for public viewing via YouTube at the following address: <https://www.youtube.com/CityofAikenSC>



Aiken City Council Work Session *Agenda*

May 22, 2023

5:30 P.M. City Council Work Session – Homeless Housing Update –
Executive Session

THE CITY OF AIKEN

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA
MAY 22, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PRESENTATIONS:

- (1) Presentation by George Clare, President of Aiken County Homeless Housing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


THE CITY OF AIKEN

Memorandum

Date: 22 May 2023
To: City Council
From: Stuart T. Bedenbaugh, City Manager
Subject: Aiken County Homeless Housing Update.

City Councilwoman Price has requested to hear from George Clare, President of Aiken County Homeless Housing. Mr. Clare will provide Council with a presentation about the Aiken County Homeless Housing's plans and operating principles.

City staff will also be present to answer Council's questions during the work session.



Stuart T. Bedenbaugh
City Manager

WHY SHOULD I HELP THE HOMELESS?



Religious:

They are part of God's creation

I am commanded to care for him/her

I am commanded to be "my brother's keeper"

I am commanded to love my neighbor as myself

I am commanded to wish for my neighbor what I wish for myself

Humanist:

The homeless are human and must be respected/uplifted

Community spirit:

Homeless people detract from our desired community image.

Some may see a threat to other citizens.

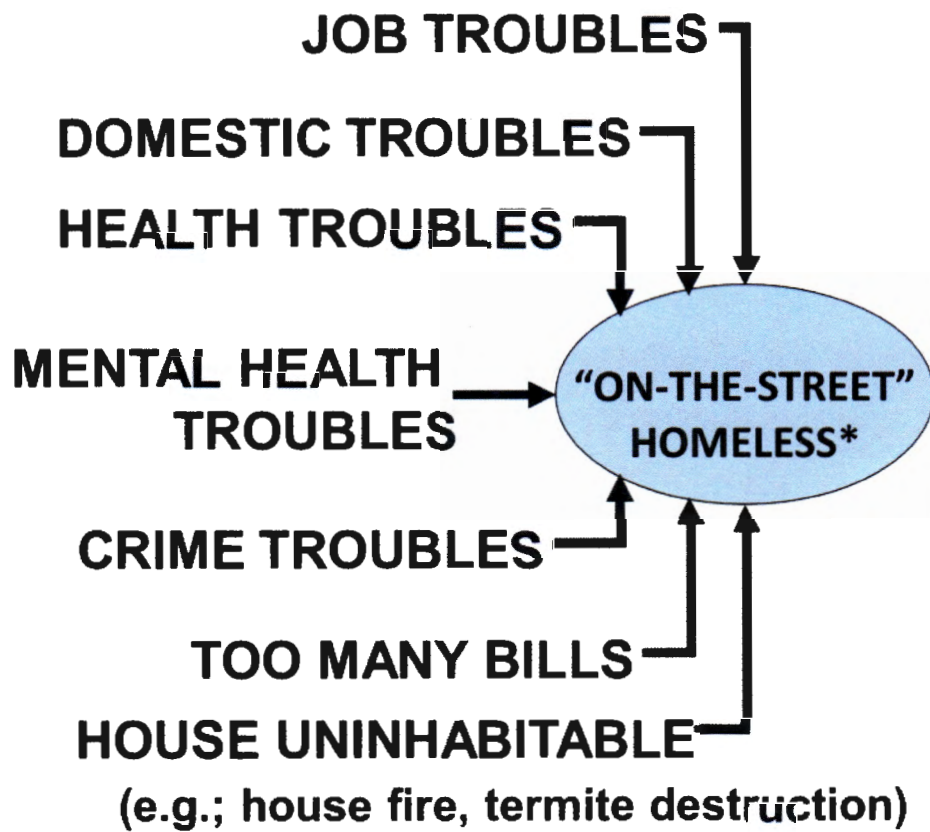
Business concern:

They detract from our business environment; cost us money. They may impact our financial survival

No matter our motivation, all of us would prefer that the homeless in our community are "off-the-streets" – housed and in transition to self-sufficiency.

So, lets all of us help make it happen!



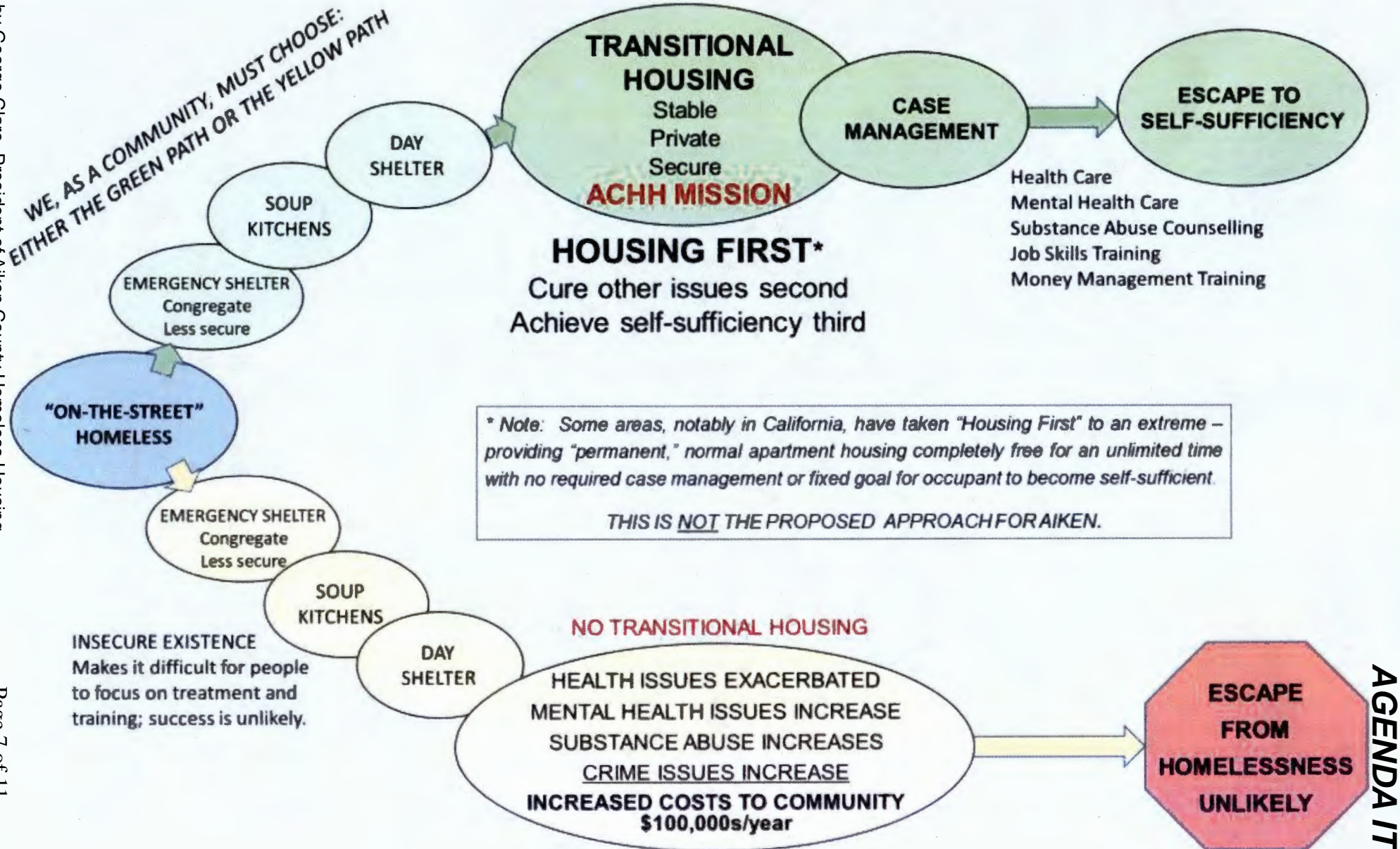


*On-The-Street Homeless: all housing insecure includes those "one-argument away from actually on-the-street," e.g.; couch-surfing or living in hotels

If there are scores of Homeless in Aiken, why don't I see them?

Clue: They don't want to be seen.

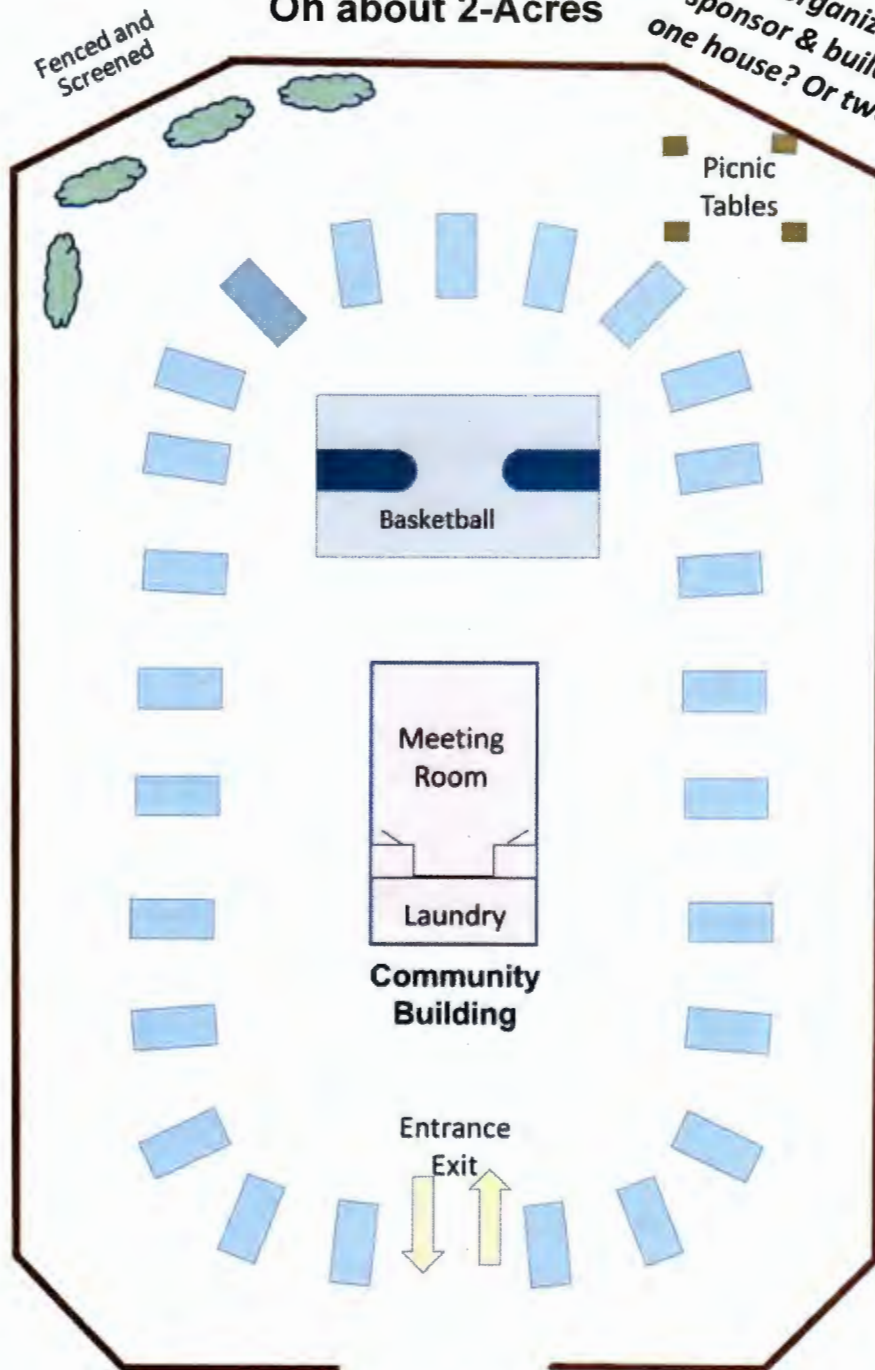




ACHH-PROPOSED TINY HOUSE COMMUNITY

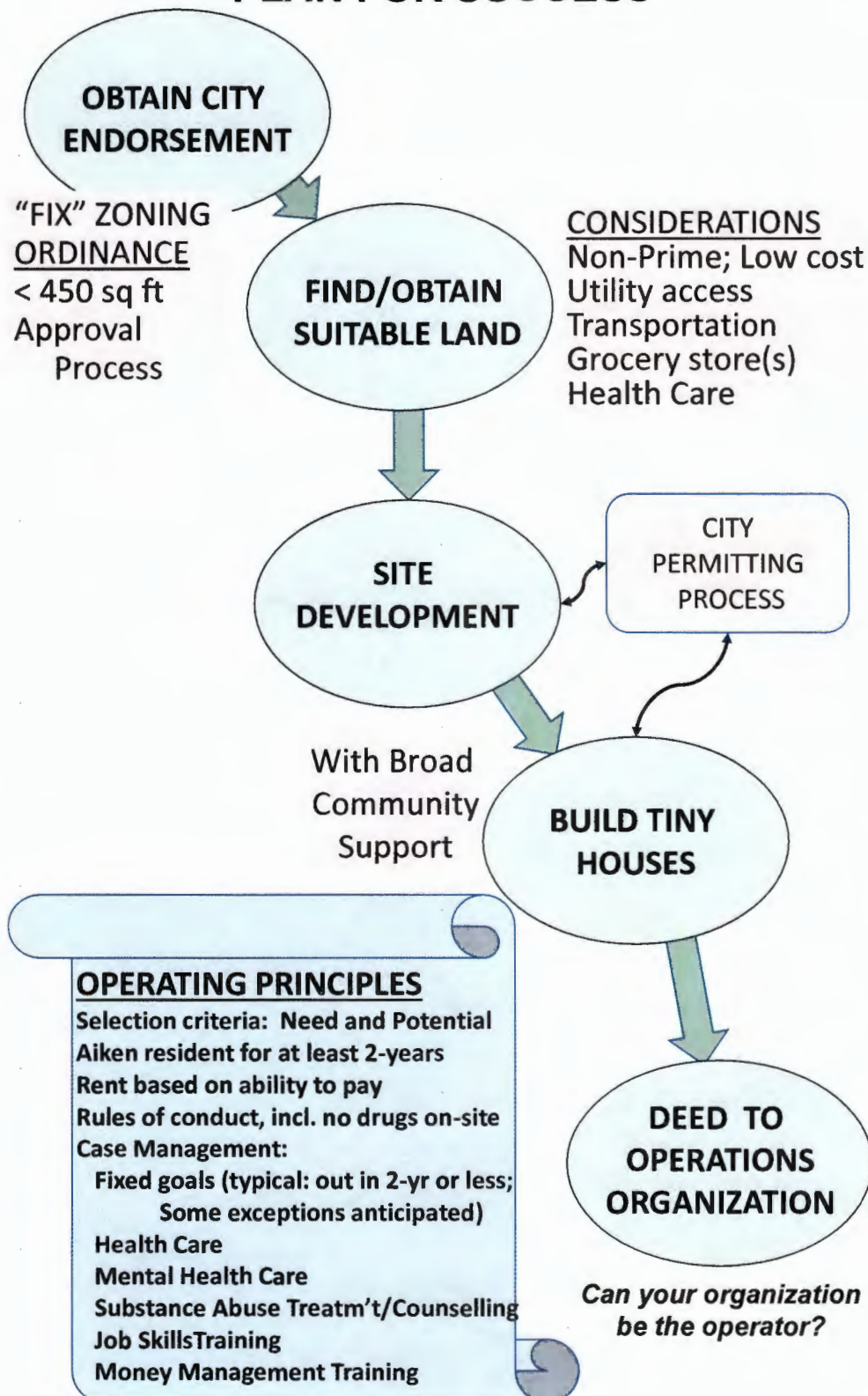
**Approximately 25
Tiny Houses
On about 2-Acres**

*Can your organization
sponsor & build
one house? Or two?*

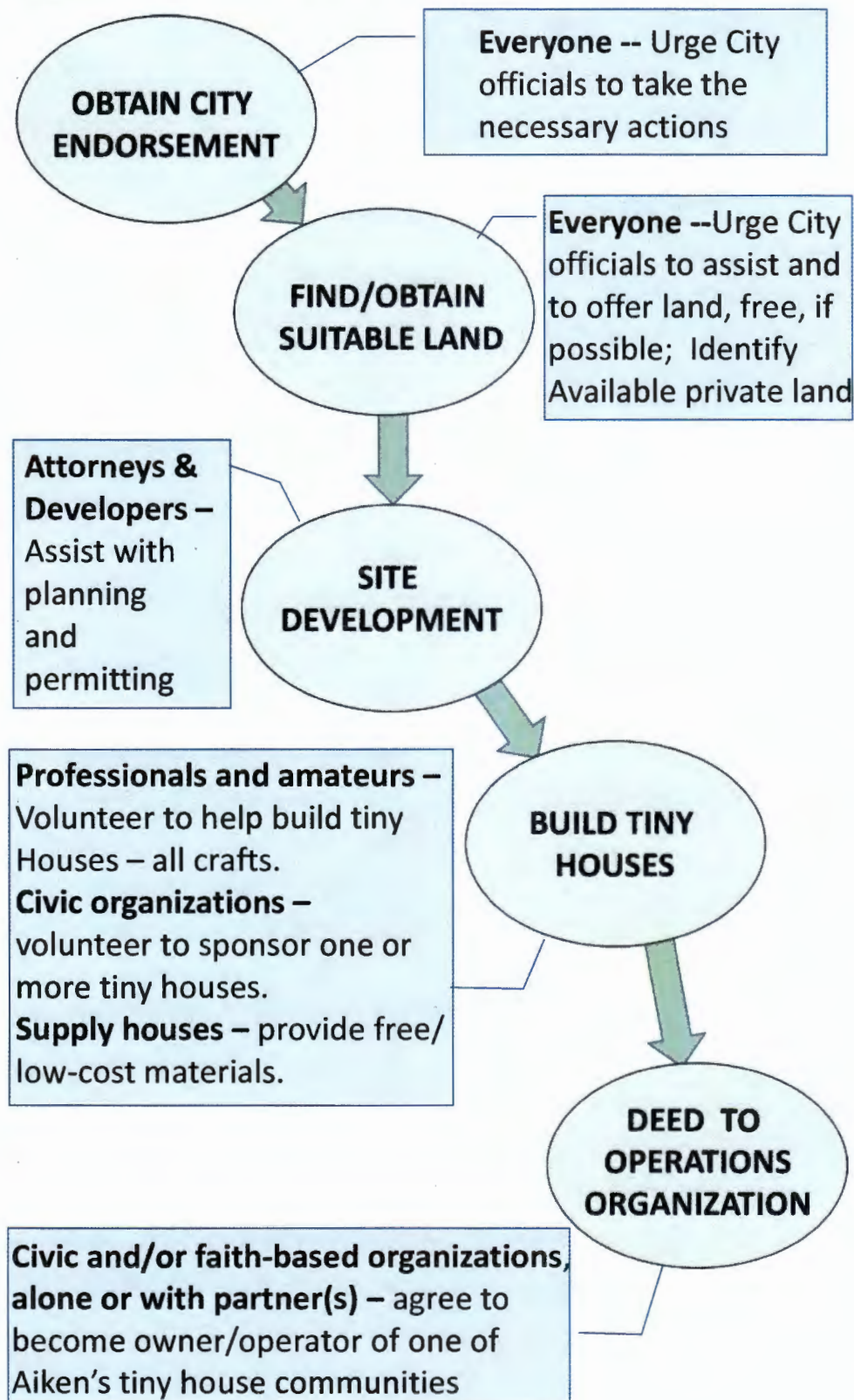


***If you can swing a hammer or glue a
pipe, you can help build tiny houses!***

AIKEN COUNTY HOMELESS HOUSING'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS



YOU CAN HELP ACHIEVE OUR GOALS



WHAT, SPECIFICALLY, ARE YOU ASKING FOR From CITY OF AIKEN?

1. Modify the Zoning Ordinance
 - a) To allow smaller tiny house dwellings – conditionally, if necessary:
 - i. If they are intended to help alleviate homelessness in the City of Aiken, and
 - ii. If they meet the minimum floor area requirements of the City of Aiken building codes (This wording is chosen to avoid having to make additional changes to the Zoning Ordinance, if and when building codes change.)
 - b) To identify a suitable approval process for the ACHH-proposed tiny house community (25 tiny houses and a community building, fenced and screened, on about 2-acres; plenty of room for emergency access, separation & set-backs)
2. Partner with ACHH to find suitable land and obtain permissions
 - a) To be donated or obtained at low cost
 - b) Support re-zoning, and permitting, as necessary
 - c) Facilitate timely utility connections, as necessary
 - d) Facilitate timely permits, inspections, etc.
3. Influence City of Aiken Housing Authority, as possible, to
 - a) Grant, lease, or sell a portion of Parcel 051-15-002-006 in Gloverville (adjacent to Valley Homes) to ACHH for its first tiny house community
 - b) Work cooperatively with ACHH to provide access to the tiny house community for occupants, emergency services, and utilities.
4. **NOT funding, *per se*.**